

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An identification barcode assigning method for assigning an identification barcode to a party desiring identity verification, the identification barcode assigning method comprising:

a step of receiving from the party a barcode request signal including a sender number of the party; and

a step of generating a barcode for identifying the party in response to the barcode request signal.

2. (Original) An identification barcode assigning method according to claim 1, further comprising:

a step of transmitting the generated barcode to the party.

3. (Original) An identification barcode assigning method according to claim 1, further comprising:

a step of displaying the generated barcode to the party.

4. (Original) An identification barcode assigning method according to claim 2, wherein the step of generating a barcode comprises:

a step of discriminating whether the party is recorded in a database; and
a step of generating a barcode when the party is recorded in the database.

5. (Original) An identification barcode assigning method according to claim 4,
further comprising:

a step of, when the party is not recorded in the database, so informing the party.

6. (Original) An identification barcode assigning method according to claim 5,
further comprising:

a step of, when the party is not recorded in the database, sending the party a
message advising the party to sign up.

7. (Original) An identification barcode assigning method according to claim 1,
further comprising:

a step of storing the generated barcode in memory.

8. (Original) An identification barcode assigning method according to claim 2,
wherein:

the sender number is a mobile phone number of the party; and
transmission of the barcode to the party is made to the party's mobile
phone.

9. (Original) An identification barcode assigning method according to claim 2,
wherein:

the sender number is a fixed phone number of the party; and
transmission of the barcode to the party is made to the party's fixed phone.

10. (Original) An identification barcode assigning method according to
claim 1, wherein:

the barcode is a limited validity period barcode with an expiration date.

11. (Original) An identification barcode assigning method according to
claim 1, wherein:

the barcode is a dedicated barcode for obtaining a specified service.

12. (Currently amended) An identity verifying method using a barcode, the
identity verifying method comprising:

a step of receiving from a party desiring identity verification a barcode
request signal including a sender number of the party;

a step of generating a barcode for identifying the party in response to the
barcode request signal;

a step of storing the barcode in a barcode database;
a step of receiving a barcode presented by the party and transmitted by an
identity verification requester requesting verification;

a step of discriminating whether the received barcode coincides with a barcode
stored in the barcode database; and

a step of, when the received barcode is one stored in the barcode database,
transmitting to the identification requester a signal to the effect that the party's identity is
verified.

13. (Original) An identity verifying method according to claim 12, further comprising:

a step of transmitting the generated barcode to the party's sender number.

14. (Original) An identity verifying method according to claim 13, wherein:

the sender number is a mobile phone number of the party; and

transmission of the barcode to the party is made to the party's mobile phone.

15. (Original) An identity verifying method according to claim 13, wherein:

the sender number is a fixed phone number of the party; and

transmission of the barcode to the party is made to the party's fixed phone.

16. (Original) An identification barcode assigning method according to claim 12, wherein:

the barcode is a dedicated barcode for obtaining a specified service.

17. (Original) An identification barcode assigning method according to claim 12, further comprising:

a step of displaying the generated barcode to the party.

18. (Original) An identity verifying method according to claim 12,

wherein:

the barcode is a limited validity period barcode with an expiration date.

19. (Currently amended) An identification barcode assigning device, the identification barcode assigning device comprising:

receiving means for receiving from a party desiring identity verification a barcode request signal including a sender number of the party;

barcode generating means responsive to the barcode request signal for generating a barcode for identifying the party;

a barcode database for recording the barcode generated by the barcode generating means; and

barcode storing means for storing the barcode in the barcode database.

20. (Original) An identification barcode assigning device according to claim 19, further comprising:

a database recording prescribed personal data,

the barcode generating means discriminating whether the party is recorded in the database and generating a barcode when the party is one recorded in the database.

21. (Original) An identification barcode assigning device according to claim 19, further comprising:

display means for displaying the generated barcode to the party.

22. (Original) An identification barcode assigning device according to claim 19, further comprising:

transmission means for transmitting the generated barcode to the party.

23. (Currently amended) An identity verifying device that uses a barcode, the identity verifying device comprising:

receiving means for receiving from a party desiring identity verification a barcode request signal including a sender number of the party;

barcode generating means responsive to the barcode request signal for generating a barcode for identifying the party;

a barcode database for recording the barcode generated by the barcode generating means;

barcode storing means for storing the barcode in the barcode database; and

barcode checking means for receiving a barcode presented by the party and transmitted by an identity verification requester requesting verification, discriminating whether the received barcode coincides with a barcode stored in the barcode database, and, when the received barcode is one stored in the barcode database, transmitting to the identification requester a signal to the effect that the party's identity is verified.

24. (Original) An identity verifying device according to claim 23, further comprising:

a database recording prescribed personal data,
the barcode generating means discriminating whether the party is recorded
in the database and generating a barcode when the party is one recorded in the database.

25. (Original) An identity verifying device according to claim 23, further comprising:

display means for displaying the generated barcode to the party.

26. (Original) An identity verifying device according to claim 23, further comprising:

transmission means for transmitting the generated barcode to the party.

27. (Currently amended) An identity verifying device that uses a barcode, the identity verifying device comprising:

barcode receiving means for receiving a barcode presented by the party and transmitted by an identity verification requester requesting verification;

discriminating means for discriminating whether the received barcode coincides with a barcode for identifying the party generated in response to a barcode request signal
and stored in a barcode database; and

barcode checking means for, when the received barcode is one stored in the barcode database, transmitting to the identification requester a signal to the effect that the party's identity is verified.

28. (Currently amended) A portable terminal device using barcodes for identification, the portable terminal device comprising:
a display unit responsive to a request of a party desiring identity verification for displaying a barcode generated for identifying the party in response to a barcode request signal.

29. (Original) A portable terminal device according to claim 28, wherein:
the portable terminal device is a mobile phone unit.